

the pressing dummy (as illustrated in FIG. 1 of co-pending
U.S. patent application ^{10/601,544} ~~{Attorney Docket No. ZTP00P1204}~~,
filed on June 20, 2003, the disclosure of which being hereby
incorporated by reference) and the cuff 3 has been buttoned,
5 it is possible for the 2 has been pulled onto the pressing
dummy and the cuff 3 has been buttoned, it is possible for the
air stream for the inflatable bag 7 to be switched on. Because
the cuff presser 1 is provided with air holes, the drying air
penetrates outward through these holes and dries and presses
10 the cuff 3 in the process. The stiffening device is delimited
from the rest of the inflatable bag 7 and of the item of
clothing 2 by a boundary line 13. This region of the sleeve 15
is characterized by a slit in the fabric. The overlapping
fabric in the region of the slit is also referred to as an
15 upper piece 21. The fabric located therebeneath is referred to
as an underpiece 22. The outer, narrow strip of fabric that
tapers to a point (to the right in the case of FIG. 1) is
referred to as a facing 20. At least a double layer of fabric
is, thus, produced in the region 12. During operation of the
20 pressing dummy, the air in the inflatable bag 7 forces the
constituent parts of the region 12 apart from one another. The
upper piece 21 and the underpiece 22 are moved in an expansion
direction 19. If the fabric of the item of clothing 2 is not
stiff enough in relation to the pressure in the inflatable bag
25 7, this may result in unintended deformation of the item of
clothing 2 in this region.